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- HUSSEIN IN LONDON

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1. OUR INFORMAL COMMENTS TO EGYPTIANS ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF BETTER DIALOGUE WITH JORDANIANS SEEMS TO BE BEARING SOME FRUIT. FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL TOLD AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY THAT VP MUBARAK HAD REPORTED OUR TALK (REFTEL) TO THE PRESIDENT IN AUSTRIA. KAMEL SAID EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN AMMAN HAS BEEN MAKING THE SAME POINT. SADAT, WHILE STILL SKEPTICAL OF THE VALUE OF CLOSE CONTACTS WITH HUSSEIN, HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT KAMEL SHOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

2. DURING AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH SADAT, SATURDAY JULY 15), AT WHICH MUBARAK AND KAMEL WERE PRESENT, KAMEL ASKED FOR THE PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL TO SEEK MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN, PERHAPS ON JULY 20 IN LONDON, IF THE KING WILL RECEIVE HIM. ALTHOUGH WITHOUT ANY GREAT ENTHUSIASM, SADAT AUTHORIZED KAMEL TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING. KAMEL SUBSE-
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QUENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD ASKED EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN AMMAN TO GIVE PRINCE HASSAN A COPY OF THE EGYPTIAN WEST BANK/GAZA COUNTER PROPOSAL. SCARRITT

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